

issues surrounding its social action agenda and initiatives; to share concerns and seek answers to questions regarding policy issues, including incarceration rates, unemployment, housing, economics, and education; to have open and transparent conversations about these concerns that disproportionately affect the African American community with policymakers; and to discuss how we can work together towards solutions, and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter being Determined Strategic and Transcendent has established and maintained a legacy of preeminent programming which has been recognized as exemplary at both regional conferences and national conventions,

I, MARK POCAN, Congressman from the great state of Wisconsin recognize and congratulate the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Madison Alumnae Chapter on the significant impact that they have made in the lives of the citizens in their service area and the tireless work that they do to in the name of public service.

IN HONOR OF ASSEMBLYMAN
MICHAEL SIMANOWITZ

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the support of my colleague, Congressman CROWLEY, to honor the life and exceptional service of New York State Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz. Mike passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at the age of 46, after battling a long illness. Mike was a dedicated public servant, a devoted family man, and a truly remarkable individual.

Mike began a lifelong career in public service as chief of staff to former New York State Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn more than twenty years ago. He was later elected to fill her seat after her retirement in 2011. A long-time active member of his community, Mike volunteered with the New York Police Department's auxiliary program at the 107th Precinct in Flushing, Queens, for 15 years, and was its commanding officer for nine years. And as one of only a few Orthodox Jews in the New York State legislature, Mike was proud of his faith and was a strong voice for the Queens Jewish community.

When speaking to Mike's constituents, you will hear nothing but words of praise for his passionate commitment to his district and community. Congressman CROWLEY and I counted Mike as a great friend, and we join the entire New York community in mourning this terrible loss.

Congressman CROWLEY and I offer our deepest condolences to Mike's wife and four children, his parents, and all of his friends, colleagues and constituents. We continue to keep Mike's family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE ALEX
WUBBELS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give brief remarks about Alex Wubbels, the emergency room nurse at University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah who was arrested for doing her job on July 26. As a non-practicing registered nurse, this story shocked and upset me. I cannot fathom being handcuffed in my workplace for following hospital policy and the law.

Ms. Wubbels stood her ground and remained calm during the encounter, which was caught on body camera footage. Hospital policy requires that the patient be under arrest, the police have a warrant, or the patient consent in order to draw blood. Since none of those requirements were met, Ms. Wubbels refused to draw the patient's blood, with the support of several managers, administrators, and her supervisor.

While I understand that the Salt Lake City Police Department is currently taking steps to prevent incidents like this, I find it unconscionable that an officer of the law felt it appropriate to treat a health professional in this manner. I do believe that implementation of new hospital procedure, such as requiring law enforcement officials to check in to the front desk of the hospital, are positive and I encourage other hospitals to adopt similar policies.

Ms. Wubbels remained focused on providing care to her patient and ultimately, no charges were filed against her. She is encouraging health professionals and law enforcement to use this incident to "open a civic dialogue." As a nurse, I am proud to stand with individuals like Ms. Wubbels who turn negative events into positive learning experiences, always put patient well-being above all else, and stand their ground in the face of adversity.

IN SUPPORT OF AWARDED THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
TO SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, we recognize Senator Dole, a patriot whose life and career embody superior public service.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award we can bestow. We confer this honor to men and women who grace our nation with exceptional achievements and contributions.

Senator Bob Dole is a leader of great integrity, a public servant of deep dignity and an American hero of extraordinary courage.

Before the people of Kansas brought him to Capitol Hill, Bob Dole fought for our country in the mountains of central Italy during the Second World War.

For his courage and immense sacrifice, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Valor.

Bob's bravery was not limited to the battlefield. When he came to Congress, he fought

relentlessly to ensure that every person in uniform would receive the care they needed upon coming home.

It is a special source of pride that Bob Dole first came to Washington to serve in the House of Representatives.

There, as a proud Representative of western Kansas, he proved his mettle as a tenacious fighter for American families and American values.

Later, in the Senate, as Majority Leader, he continued to champion the vital causes central to our identity and our ideals as Americans.

Senator Dole was a champion for justice, battling to expand the civil rights of every American during the 1960s.

He was a champion for working families, reaching across the aisle to expand eligibility for food stamps.

He was a champion for equality, fighting for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After he left Capitol Hill, he continued the fight. He has advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans, disabled Americans and families struggling with hunger and poverty in every part of the world.

Twenty years ago, President Clinton awarded the Senator our nation's other highest civilian honor: The Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Receiving this award, he said, "Our challenge is not to question American ideals or replace them, but to act worthy of them."

Senator Bob Dole: for a lifetime spent defending, advancing and exemplifying our proudest American ideals, we are grateful.

This Congress thanks you. We send our warmest congratulations to your incredible wife Elizabeth—a fierce champion for our hidden heroes: our military caregivers—and to the entire Dole family.

TRIBUTE TO EMMETT TILL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, sixty-two years ago, on August 28, 1955, in Money, Mississippi, a young African-American child by the name of Emmett Till was murdered while visiting from Chicago. Till's life was taken from him after a white woman alleged he whistled at her. Following her claim, the woman's husband and brother found Till and assassinated him. The two men took Till from the home of his great uncle and shortly after, his body was found mutilated and disfigured. Yet, the murderers of Emmett Till were found not guilty by an all-white jury. Recently, the allegations against Till have been found to be untrue. The accuser herself recanted her accusations in July of this year. Six decades later, she finally admits that she lied while under oath about Till's actions on the day she alleged he made advances toward her outside of a grocery store.

Today, we also mourn the death of Simeon Wright, Emmett's cousin, and one of the last people to see Till before he was abducted and murdered. The story of Emmett Till is a blunt reminder of racial inequality, as well as the inequality in our justice system in which we must continue to combat. As we continue the fight to overcome racial injustice, white supremacy and police brutality, let us do so by